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Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday – March 12, at 7:30 PM

Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – MARCH 2014

3 KDØHHN DON
10 WB2UFO LARRY
17 KB9VIS BRIAN
24 WØPGL TONY
31 KØDFW HOWARD



Thanks to all of you for doing this!

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FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2014**April 9th, July 9th, October 8th**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

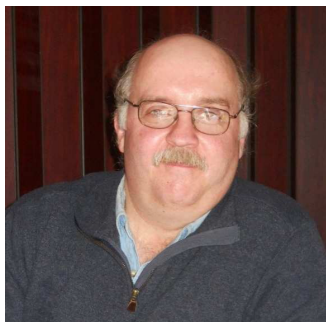
The 2014 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY DON VARY KDØHHN



First off, I would like to congratulate Larry Lauer, WB2UFO, on receiving the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club member of the year award for 2013. Larry has not only done a great job as Treasurer of the club,

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but also in taking on and running the GOTA station that we have had for the last two Field Day events. This station has brought in a couple of new members and hopefully with it's continuation over the years, it will bring more members to the club, and to Amateur Radio.

I hope that everyone who attended the dinner on the 8th had a good time. Things were a little crowded, as the staff at golden Corral didn't know they needed to close off part of the front room, but oh well. All in all, I would like to thank everyone who attended, and also hope that Nancy Bartlett had a very Happy Birthday. The cake was delicious.

If you are not aware of it yet, the ARRL turns 100 this year and as part of the celebration, they are having W1AW operate from all 50 states. For those, who like to do the awards, this would get you the WAS award, with the possibility of multiple bands. Here in Missouri, Ward Silver is coordinating getting stations on the air to cover our state's turn. Missouri will be operating W1AW/Ø from May 28 through June 3, 2014; and October 8-14, 2014. If you are interested in helping with this, contact Ward at n0ax@arrrl.org.

Also the Missouri QSO party will be coming up soon. This is sponsored by BEARS, the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Association. This year they will be offering a special 1x1 call sign for anyone who wishes to register for one. (see attachment) I'll pass along more as it becomes available.

Well, it's nice to see the weather starting to change for the better, but that means, better get the lawn mowers ready, because they'll probably be needed soon. Also, it's getting the time of year for the NWS storm spotter classes. There was one the 13th at Monroe City, and I know that there is one coming in Quincy at John Wood College. I think it is the 3rd of March, I'll pass along when I find out more. If it has been a few years since you took the class, it might be worth it to take it again. I know that there were changes from the original class that I took in 2009, so it's always good to refresh every couple of years. Well, that's all for now. Hope everyone stays on the warm side of the door and stay safe.

DINNER MEETING BUSINESS

The dinner meeting of the Hannibal Amateur Radio club was called to order by President Don Vary, KDØHHN, with 18 members and 6 guests present at golden Corral on Feb 8, 2014.

Due to the crowd that evening, an abbreviated meeting was held. Don welcomed everyone and thanked them for being there. Luan, KA9WAY, was called up and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service as Vice-President and Chief Goodies supplier for the meetings.

Don then called Larry Lauer, WB2UFO, forward and presented him with the HARC Member of the Year award for 2013, for all that he has done, not only in taking on the office of Treasurer, but also for the GOTA station that he has run at Field Day for the past two years.

A special celebration was also held during the meeting, to celebrate the birthday of Nancy Bartlett, and after the "Happy Birthday" sing-along, a wonderful cake was enjoyed by all present. The door prize drawings were then held, and the meeting was adjourned by Don at 8 P.M.

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THANKS, LUAN



CONGRATULATIONS, LARRY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NANCY

Minutes were taken by Don Vary, KD0HHN 73 Don

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MORE PICTURES OF HARC DINNER ON FEB 8, 2014 – THANKS TONY

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MO QSO Party!

We want the 2014 MO QSO Party to be more fun! The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society (BEARS) sponsors the MO QSO Party. We have added participation certificates, a special 1x1 sub-contest, and plaques! To make this work, we've added new website information and we'll need your help – so please participate as you can – please ask your clubs to help, too!

1.

We want to ask clubs and individuals to join us and sponsor Plaques. Plaques increase competition and participation! These plaques are key – if you have your own suggestions - let us know.

Missouri County Sweep	Missouri Mobile Single-Op (LP) – Low Power
Missouri QRP	Missouri Mobile Single-Op CW-Only (LP)
Non-Missouri Single Operator	Missouri Mobile Multi-Op (LP)
Non-Missouri DX	Missouri Mobile Unlimited
Missouri Single Operator	Missouri Mobile SSB-Only

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Missouri Multi-Op

Please send a check for \$45 with the name of the plaque you would like to sponsor this year to BEARS/MO, c/o Randy Wing, N0LD, 1479 Osage Ln, Labadie, MO 63055. Email address is **n0ld@arrl.net**. Please send me your phone number as well!

2. We want to activate all 115 counties.

We are looking for multiple hams in each county to step up! Ideally, we would like to have at least one or more CW and Voice operators for each county in Missouri. Please sign up early for the county (or counties) in which you will be active. Our web page will list your callsign with the county/counties you will be active. **Please send a note of your desire to register (so that we know we have all the counties counted!) to n0ld@arrl.net.**

3. We want to encourage mobile hams to operate in the contest.

As you can tell – we have added a LOT of mobile (rover) plaques! The hours of our contest have changed to give everyone a chance to rest overnight so that they are not exhausted during the contest. Hopefully, we will see more out of state mobile contesters join us this year. Mobile stations will have the top priority for 1x1 calls – please send your interest to n0ld@arrl.net.

4. We are going to add a sub-contest to the MO QSO Party this year!

- We are going to ask volunteers to take on a 1x1 callsign.
- As you work people in the contest with the 1x1 callsigns - The last letter of the 1x1 callsign will be used to spell out one letter in a phrase.
- The phrase this year will be “**Show Me**”.
- You will receive a handsome certificate if you complete the phrase!

5. **We are going to publish the paths of Mobile hams.** This will assist everyone in working as many counties as they can. Please submit your participation for the counties you intend to traverse to n0ld@arrl.net. http://w0ma.org/mo_qso_party.htm



DX News and Notes, MARCH 2014

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



DX Notes & News



DX NOTES....

Last month, it was all about the Amsterdam Island DXpedition. All I can say is what a well planned and executed operation. It was obvious they did their home work prior to ever setting foot and the boat. Great operators, disciplined and with tremendous ears, were able to quickly pick out individual signals from the pileups. They went QRT about a day early to try and get to sea before a major storm moved in on the island and are now bobbing their way back toward Perth, Western Australia on the ship Braveheart. Also the support staff deserves mention as well. Up to date info was posted on the FT5ZM web page and on line logs that were updated daily. And within hours of their departure from Amsterdam the OQRS system was activated on Clublog. In all they made more than 170K QSO's and for the most part the group received a hearty well done from most DX'ers. As always, no matter how well things go, there are always the grumblers who can find something to complain about. They seem to come with the frequency police and the 'up, up, up' police.

This month we have the Mellish Reef operation to look forward to. Not ranked on the wanted list as high as Amsterdam Island was, this operation probably won't generate the same interest level but will still attract many DX callers. The last operation from there was in 2009 when the 2 man VK9GMW team spent 10+ days there and made 20,000+ contacts. However about 50% of that total was on the low bands and so many may still need this one on the higher frequencies. The VK9MT team will be composed of 12 operators from the EU, NA and VK areas. The team plans to depart Mackay, Australia on the 25th of March and arrive on the reef on the 28th with operations commencing late on the 28th or early March 29. They will operate all bands 160M through 10M (60M excepted). Operations will cease sometime on the 9th of April and they will depart the reef late on that day. Mellish Reef lies 1100 KM NNW of Brisbane and is large, as reefs go, 3 KM by 10KM. There is one small islet (Herald-Beacon Islet) that is above all high tide levels and is about the size of 4 football fields. There have been 6 previous activations starting in 1972. The crew might be in for a less than cordial welcome however. It is noted that the indigenous population include many species of sea birds and high concentrations of sand flies, sand fleas, hermit crabs and lice. Sounds like it may be a test of will to get a good nights' sleep, eh?

One further note of interest I would like to mention. The much anticipated Heard Island (VK0) operation originally scheduled for early this year and recently postponed to early 2015, has now been

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set back even further to early 2016. Transportation cost issues, environmental permitting, the need to join a simultaneous scientific expedition to further reduce costs, all joining to cause the delays. Now they believe all major hurdles have been overcome and the 2016 dates will hold. Let's keep our fingers crossed on this one as Heard ranks in the top 10 of nearly every most wanted list.

DX NEWS.....

UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3XAX will be QRV as 5X1XA from Kampala from February 25 to March 16. Activity is on the HF bands using only CW. This includes an entry in the upcoming BERU contest. QSL via G3SWH.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Kasimir, DL2SBY is QRV as 8Q7KB from Fihahohi Island, IOTA AS-013, until February 24. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters and possibly 30, 17 and 12 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

TONGA, A3. Klaus, DK1AX and Heidi, DK1MA will be QRV as A35AX from Tongatapu Island, IOTA OC-049, and from Vava'u Island, IOTA OC-064, from February 24 to March 7. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via operator's instructions.

NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Kazu, JA1IST will be QRV as FK/JA1IST from Noumea, IOTA OC-032, from February 25 to March 1. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Guy, F5MNW, will once again be active as FR/F5MNW from Saint Leu between March 16th and April 8th. Activity will be on the HF bands using only CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

S0, WESTERN SAHARA, S0. The "DX-World.net" is reporting that Dom, 3Z9DX (ex-SQ9KWW), is planning activity from the Western Sahara territory as S0/3Z9DX sometime in mid-March for one week (exact dates TBA). Activity will be on 40-10 meters SSB only. QSL via his home callsign.

PALAU, T8. Bodo, DF8DX, will be active as T88QX from **Palau (OC-009)** between April 8-15th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, with some SSB also possible. QSL via DF8DX, by the Bureau or direct. Upload on the LoTW will be after the DXpedition. No eQSL.

GREECE, SV. A large group of operators will be QRV as SX1AA in the CQ 160 Meter SSB contest. QSL direct to SV1CNS.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Operators Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG will be QRV as V21ZG from the Villa Sundowners near Pottery Village on Antigua beginning February 26 and active for four weeks. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using SSB, RTTY and PSK and possibly SSTV. QSL via DL7AFS.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Bob, N6MW plans to be QRV as V73MW from Majuro Island, IOTA OC-029, from February 25 to March 4. Activity will be mainly on 160, 80, 20 and possibly 17 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0URX.

MELLISH REEF, VK9. See the DX NOTES above.

NORFOLK ISLAND, VK/N and CHRISTMAS ISLAND, T32. Tim, NL8F, informs OPDX that "it's time for my March trip" and he is heading down-under to "OZ" -- Queensland, Australia, on March 6th. From there he will then head to **Frasier Island (OC-142)** for a few days (4-5) and be active as VK4/NL8F/p. He will then go to **Norfolk Island (OC-005)** to be active as VK9NF (if WIA gets paper work done on time, if not VK9N/NL8F) between March 15-22nd. He thinks his activity will be mostly on the Digital modes. Next, Tim will head back to **Christmas Island (OC-024)** and be active once again as T32TM, between March 25th and April 2nd, mostly for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). After his T32TM operation, Tim will travel to the Visalia, California, for the International DX Convention

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before heading back to Alaska on April 6th. As usual, QSL via K8NA his QSL manager for all his operations.

CAMBODIA, XU. John, KF0RQ will be QRV as XU7ACQ from Phnom Penh from February 25 to March 21 while on a family visit. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and digital modes. QSL to home call.

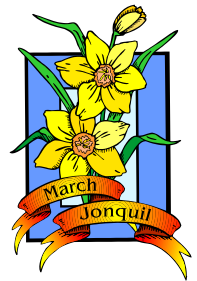
LAOS, XW. Remember to look for Champ, E21EIC, in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Activity outside of the contests will be on 160-6 meters, with the focus on 17m, using modes CW, SSB and RTTY. He prefers QSL requests via ClubLog's OQRS, as well as direct or by the Bureau via E21EIC. Champ will upload the log to LoTW after his trip.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Werner, DJ9KH will be QRV as ZD8D from February 24 to March 11. Activity will be holiday style mainly on 160 to 40 meters, and possibly 60 and 6 meters, using CW. This includes an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via DL9HO. As always, thanks goes to the ARRL DX Bulletin, The Ohio Penn DX Newsletter, and the 425 DX News for much of the above information. 73 and good DX, Mike NA9Q

MARCH BIRTHDAY WISHES!



Happy Birthday!



“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

**FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK
BY LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO**

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Larry Lauer, WB2UFO Member of the Year 2013!!!

We are Hams.

Who are we?

Actually we are all of these.



The hobby and service that is ham radio encompasses many diverse interests.

At our next meeting I think we might be able to discuss the many directions our club can go to fulfill the needs and interests of our members.

Contests, equipment, education, hamfests, speaking of hamfests, Ann and I have our hotel room reserved and I have the time off from work all set up for the Dayton Hamvention. Who else might be going as well?

See you at the meeting next month.

Larry, WB2UFO



STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% ON AN EXAM

- Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?
* his last battle
- Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
* at the bottom of the page
- Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?
* liquid
- Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?
* marriage
- Q5. What is the main reason for failure?
* exams
- Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?
* Lunch & dinner
- Q7. What looks like half an apple?
* The other half
- Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?
* It will simply become wet
- Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping ?
* No problem, he sleeps at night.
- Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?
* You will never find an elephant that has only one hand..
- Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?
* Very large hands
- Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?
* No time at all, the wall is already built.
- Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
* Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

***I would have given him 100% for his wit!!!**

**Spread the laughter, share the cheer
Let's be happy, while we're here!!**



Dear Troops, Thanks to you, our flag is proudly flying over this country!



BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Do not be terrified;
do not be discouraged
for the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.

(Joshua 1:9)

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